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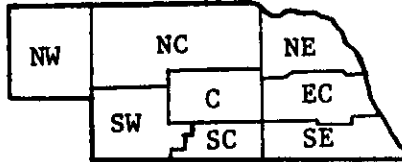
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WEATHER

No precipitation occurred throughout the period. Temperatures averaged near normal for the period. The week started with below normal temperatures and ended with above normal readings.

GENERAL

Another week of dry weather allowed the harvest of fall crops to progress rapidly. Sorghum and soybean harvesting was nearly completed in some areas. Less than adequate soil moisture supplies continued to limit wheat progress; however, weekend rains will improve the crop outlook.

On October 20, topsoil moisture supplies were rated adequate in only 16% of the counties and short in the remaining 84%. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate in 31% of the counties and short in 69%. A year ago, topsoil moisture was adequate in 80% of the counties and subsoil moisture was adequate in 86%.

CROPS

Corn harvest reached 50% completion, slightly behind last year's 55% but somewhat ahead of the normal 45%. Yields continue to be reported as good to excellent.

CROPS (Cont.)

Harvesting was most advanced in the central and south central counties.

Harvesting of grain sorghum was 70% complete, slightly ahead of the 65% progress for last year and normal. Harvesting was active in all sections of the State.

Soybeans were 85% harvested, well ahead of last year's 65% and the normal 75%. Combining was near completion in many counties.

Winter wheat was reported in fair to good condition in nearly 80% of the counties. Continued dry weather has restricted crop growth and development in many areas of the State.

Sugar beet and dry bean harvest was active in the Panhandle and southwest with some areas entering the wrap-up stage.

LIVESTOCK

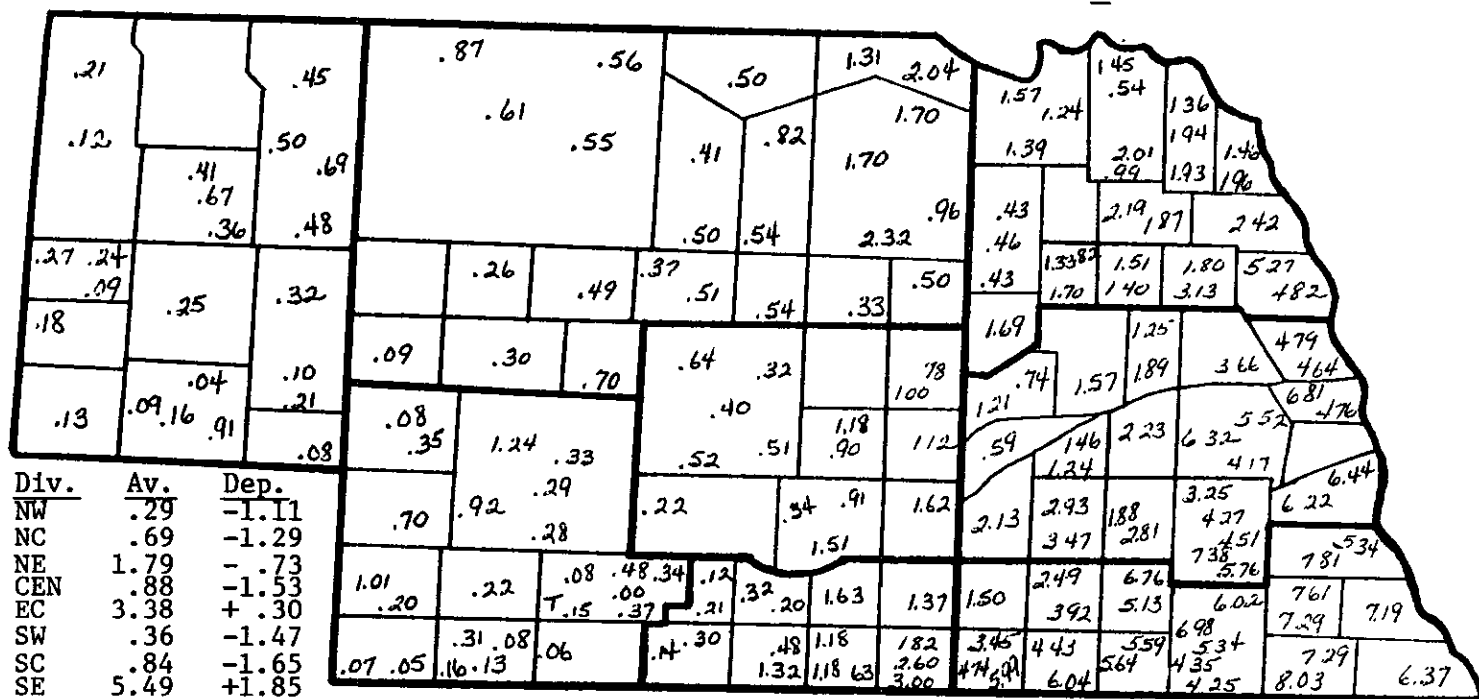
Pasture and range feed supplies were rated adequate in 59% of the counties as pastures continue the seasonal decline. Many farmers were moving livestock into harvested row crop fields for grazing. Dry, dusty field conditions have been troublesome, especially for young stock.

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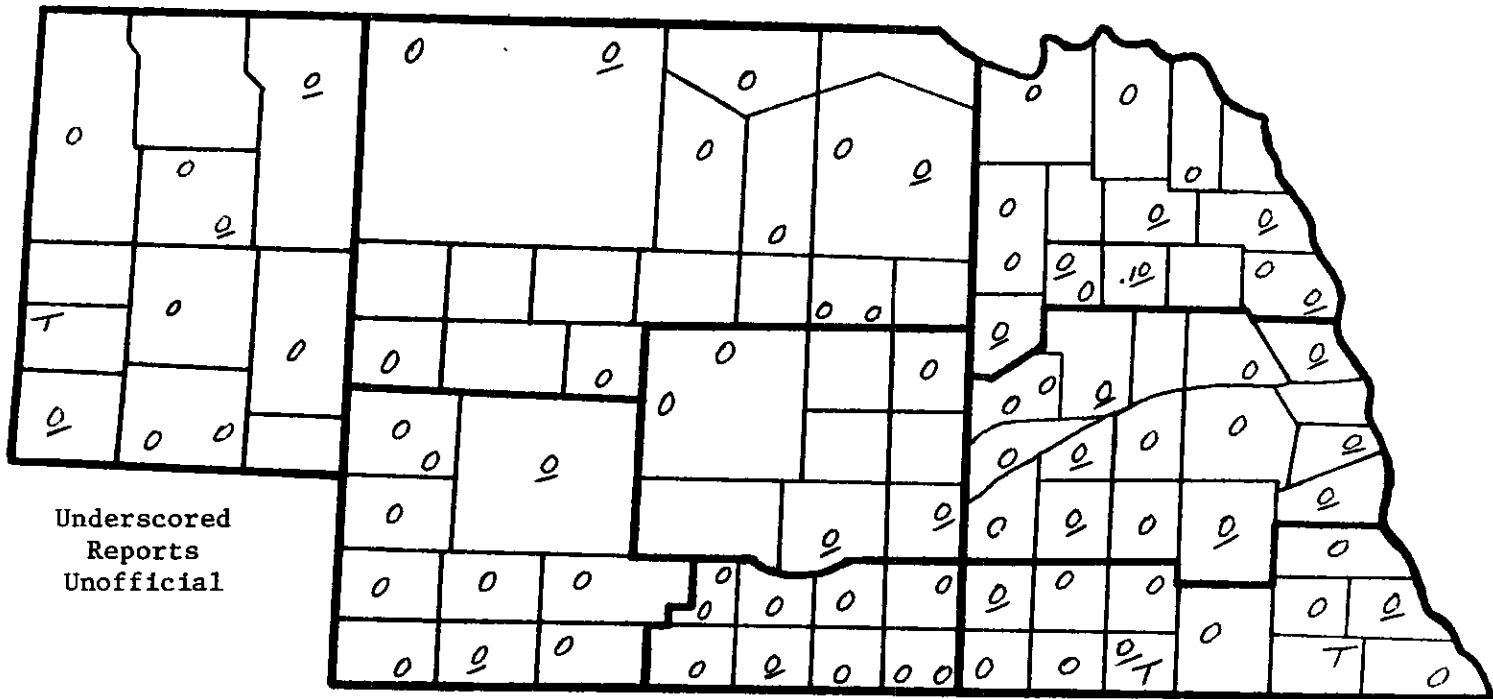


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1978 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1978

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	80	26	52	--
	Scottsbluff	83	31	54	+5
	Sidney	78	31	50	--
NC	Burwell	90	20	52	--
	Valentine	85	20	51	+2
NE	Norfolk	89	27	53	+1
	Sioux City	87	27	52	0
CEN	Grand Island	90	25	54	+1
EC	Lincoln	84	27	54	0
	Omaha	81	32	55	+1
SW	Imperial	85	30	52	--
	North Platte	86	22	51	+1

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.